CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

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NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - CAREER AWARDS

This is to advise you that Health & Welfare has recently informed us that due to the late availability of new application forms, the deadline date for submission of applications will be AUGUST 15 instead of July 31 for the following:

Postdoctoral Fellowships
National Health Research Scholars
National Health Scientists; and
Visiting National Health Scientists

We have forwarded a number of the forms and brochures to those on our list. Anyone wishing a copy, please let us know as quickly as possible.

NSERC TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER HANDBOOK

NSERC recently forwarded to this office a number of copies of a new publication entitled "Technology Transfer Handbook". This Handbook is primarily to assist University researchers in identifying and documenting commercial opportunities that might arise from their research work. We have forwarded copies to those of you who are holding NSERC Strategic grants. Anyone else interested in obtaining a copy of this Handbook is asked to call the Office of Research Services (4888).

NSERC POLICY ON THE CARE AND USE OF ANIMALS

As you are probably aware, there has been a great deal of discussion and concern during the past year regarding the care and use of animals in research. Recently the Rector received a letter from NSERC in which they have clearly stated their policy on the care and use of animals in research. This Policy states that there will be severe restrictions not only to researchers but also to University Institutions who do not comply with the CCAC or NSERC guidelines which require adequate facilities for the care of animals and proper review of protocol involving animals. The guidelines will appear in the next edition of the Awards Guide and will serve to remind the researchers and institutions of the proper ethical considerations needed for animal research.

NSERC POLICY ON THE CARE AND USE OF ANIMALS (Cont'd)

The Concordia University Animal Care Committee will continue to oversee that proper facilities and care of animals are maintained. Anyone having concerns in this area should contact one of the following members of the Animal Care Committee:

Dr. D. McLaughlin (3409)
Dr. R. Wise (2195)
A.J. Williams (4885)

FONDS F.C.A.R. - THEMATIC RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The Fonds F.C.A.R. and the Minister of Transportation are collaborating in a Call for Proposals in the area of transportation of merchandise. The brochure and application forms are available from this office. Deadline date for applications will be SEPTEMBER 9, 1985.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES TO REMEMBER FOR QUEBEC SUBMISSIONS

F.C.A.R.

For those planning to submit research proposals to F.C.A.R. this Fall, we have now received notification of the deadline dates for application to the various programs. For your information, listed below are the internal and external deadline dates:

	To O.R.S.	To Quebec	Announcement
Equipes & Séminaires (New)	Oct. 24	Nov. 7	End of March
" " (Renewal)	Oct. 24	Nov. 7	End of March
Actions spontanées (New)	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	End of April
" " (Renewal)	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	End of April
Centres (New)	Oct. 10	Oct. 25	End of May
" (Renewal)	Mar. 23	April 1	End of May

ACTIONS STRUCTURANTES

The Minister of Higher Education for Science and Technology - **Actions structurantes** has now announced the deadline dates for the 1986-87 academic year with regard to the above program. The Committee has decided that due to the short time period between the receipt and evaluation of the proposals, the date for receipt of the detailed proposals of the Actions structurantes program will be December 15, 1985 (to Quebec). These proposals must be in the Office of Research Services no later than DECEMBER 6. These proposals will be evaluated by the Committee by May 15, 1986 and approved by the Minister by June 30, 1986. Please note that there will be no letters of intent for the 1986-87 year.

YOUR COOPERATION IN COMPLYING WITH THESE INTERNAL DATES WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

SSHRC - AID TO LEARNED JOURNALS PROGRAM

We have been informed that the moratorium on new applications for the above program has been lifted. Application material will be sent to the Editors of the respective Journals in early August. Deadline date to the Council will be OCTOBER 14. If further information is required, please telephone Mrs. Hélène Regnier (613) 992-5129.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES CANADA - REVISED UNIVERSITY OVERHEAD POLICY

Effective immediately, Supply and Services Canada has revised the overhead rates for research and development contracts with Universities. This revised policy is as follows:

1. A rate of 65% applicable on all salaries and employee benefits for On-Campus work;

2. A rate of 30% applicable on all salaries and employee benefits for Off-Campus work;

3. An administrative charge of 2% on travel and living expenses incurred directly against the contract will be permitted.

As you will note from the above, the overhead rate is applicable to salaries only and will not include materials and supplies as was in effect previously.

I would, therefore, ask that if anyone is discussing research contract proposals with Federal Government Departments, they ensure that these overhead rates are included in their budget. It is strongly advised that all research contract budgets be discussed with this office prior to submitting the final proposal.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1985

Effective June 1, 1985, please note that for all grants and contracts, the following employee benefit rates are to be used:

Full-time - 14.5%
Part-time - 11.6%

Please note that the full-time benefit rate DOES NOT include vacation.

Office of Research Services.
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